

## James Roach

( - 28 Jan 1860)

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**Roach.** On the 28th inst. after a lingering illness, James Roach in the 33d year of his age, formerly of Baltimore.

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### **Funeral of a Stranger**

Yesterday, James Roach was buried from the boarding house and restaurant of John Vanskiver, Seventh street, near the market. The deceased came to Washington about a year ago, and was employed as a baggage agent by the Alexandria omnibus proprietors. He made many friends in a very short time, and had good prospects before him, but was taken ill with consumption, and his means were soon exhausted. His landlord, without the least expectation of remuneration, had him under his care several months, and treated him as one of this family, Friday morning the poor fellow felt himself so well that he went into the sitting room where he remained a short time, and returned to his chamber and died in a few hours.

His death being made known, a number of persons who were his first acquaintances here joined together to give him a decent burial. He was laid out in a full suit of black cloth, placed in a mahogany coffin, and was conveyed to the Congressional Cemetery, followed by a long line of coaches and private conveyances containing the friends who had not deserted him in the time of his distress.